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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

**CardioVascular Technologies, Inc.**

a California corporation

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# PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, the undersigned:

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(hereinafter "Inventor(s)," have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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- ☒ for which Application No. 60/263,418 was filed on January 23, 2001 in the United States Patent Office;  
☒ for which Application No. 10/050,944 was filed on January 22, 2002 in the United States Patent Office upon which a United States Patent issued on July 12, 2005, as U.S. Patent No. 6,916,035;  
☒ for which Application No. 11/160,850 was filed on July 12, 2005 in the United States Patent Office;

(hereinafter "Application(s)).

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular Technologies, Inc., a corporation of the State of California, having a place of business at 1787 Verdite Street, Livermore CA 94550, (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Application(s) and the inventions disclosed therein, and in and to all embodiments of the inventions, heretofore conceived, made or discovered, whether jointly or severally, by said Inventor(s) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Inventions"), and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter "Patent(s)") thereon granted in the United States, foreign countries, or under any international convention, agreement, protocol, or treaty.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Inventor(s) to have been received in full from said Assignee:

- Said Inventor(s) do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest (a) in and to said Inventions, including the right to claim priority to said Inventions; (b) in and to all rights to all United States and corresponding non-United States patent applications and Patent(s), including those filed under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, The Patent Cooperation Treaty or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all applications filed and any and all Patent(s) granted on said Inventions in the United States, in any foreign country, or under any international convention, agreement, protocol, or treaty, including each and every application filed and any and all Patent(s) granted on any application which is a divisional, substitution, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any of said Application(s); and (d) in and to each and every reissue, reexamination, or extensions of any of said Patent(s).
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- The terms and covenants of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Inventor(s), their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
- Said Inventor(s) hereby warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.
- Said Inventor(s) hereby request that any Patent(s) issuing in the United States, foreign countries, or under any international convention, agreement, protocol, or treaty, be issued in the name of the Assignee, or its successors and assigns, for the sole use of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Inventor(s) have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee as of the dates written below:

Date: 10/12/08 R. A. Houser  
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Date: 9/14/08 William D. Hare  
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RECEIVED AND AGREED TO BY ASSIGNEE:

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